

CATV AGENDA 1-19-12

1. County Meetings - We have been approached by officials with Androscoggin County Government about airing their meetings on GFTV. We only have weekend slots available. They have about 2 - 3 meetings per month about 2 hours in duration. Greene public access will tape the meetings and submit DVD's to GFTV. They are offering \$1,500.00 per/ year for this service.

2. Board Openings - Cities are trying to fill committee openings and there are some changes in the way members are being appointed. How many openings do we still have?

RE: Lewiston Mayor will appoint members for current period.

3. City Hall equipment - What is our policy for maintaining and replacing equipment used for broadcasts from Auburn & Lewiston City Halls?

Do we distinguish between video and audio equipment / repairs.

How do we handle upgrades of dated and failing equipment?

Both cities have needs and could use some professional evaluation.

One way would be to hire a subcontractor to come in and do an evaluation of the current set-up and make recommendations. I would recommend Northlight (Portland Maine based), or Access AV New Hampshire based and experienced in Government Access installations. We would have to pay for the evaluations.

Some upgrades needed:

1. Video monitors (TV's) in both council chambers.
2. Improvements in audio capabilities. ie; larger mixing board and matching microphones for all areas. Tricaster for production purposes. Replace all or some of the cameras sometime in the future. (Lewiston has one that
3. Lewiston has requested microphones that light up to recognized the person who would like to speak next.
4. Improvements in capture of video and archiving capabilities and output for sharing.

5. This Year's Budget considerations - Should be much the same as last year with some basic equipment needs. This continues with the gradual process of improving our infrastructure without using too many residual resources. This is an issue we can deal with over time. Equipment continues to be

an ongoing issue with so many areas to maintain and supply. The way we go forward will continue to depend on franchise negotiations with a build-out consideration for upgrading and replacing outdated or faulty equipment for the station and the two city facilities.

Editing area upgrades - Brian has been having significant difficulty with main editing computer. Recommend purchasing a computer from Best Buy to keep cost down. This is to address new technologies and upgrades in software capabilities as well as allow us to edit material more effectively. We would still use the old computers for volunteers and basic projects and DVD burning and downloading shows from Pegmedia and the national archives.

Approximate cost would be:

Computer - \$900.00

Monitor - \$400.00

Accessories - cables and other basic peripherals - \$100.00

Total - \$1500.00

*Note - This is quite reasonable considering that our previous editing computers cost \$10,000 for each computer 6 years ago.

NEWS

1. Satellite dish was adjusted as NASA moved the bird to a different location
2. Purchase of new cameras and kits complete and they were used for inaugurations and other events.
3. New Air computer is installed and working great
4. Worked on a project with the LYAC students "What's Happening in L/A
5. Working on show with the some members of the Somali Community.
The show is about health and welfare issues.
6. Other new producers have approached us for shows.
7. Working on PSA with Androscoggin Head Start.
8. Completed this year's election offerings and city inaugurals.
9. Continue to support CMCC basketball and other activities.
10. Web site continues to be a great asset with considerable use
11. We have added some of our regular programming to the VOD section of our web site.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!